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TO: ALL HORSEMEN AND PRACTICING VETERINARIANS

FROM: Jim Gallagher, Executive Director

DATE: August 2, 2006

SUBJECT: EUTHANIZING OF INJURED HORSES

The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority veterinarian is authorized to determine when a horse has suffered an injury while in the paddock, during the post parade and at the starting gate which necessitates scratching the horse. The extent of an injury to a horse during the running of the race or when pulled up after the wire is handled on a case by case basis depending upon its severity

If a horse is vanned off the track and brought back to the trainer's barn additional time can assist in making a more informed decision in that regard. Once a horse is removed from the van and is in the trainer's barn, the duties of the Authority veterinarian are fulfilled. If thereafter, a determination is made to euthanize the horse that responsibility falls upon the trainer, in consultation with his/her private practitioner.



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TO: ALL HORSEMEN

FROM: Jim Gallagher, Executive Director

DATE: January 28, 2005

SUBJECT: EPOGEN DIRECTIVE

The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, in accordance with an earlier directive issued on September 23, 2003, continues to test for the presence of erythropoietin (Epogen) and darbepoetin (Aranesp) antibodies in all post race test samples.

Any horse found to have any blood doping agents in its system will be placed on the Vet's List and shall be prohibited from racing in Kentucky until such time as the horse tests free of those antibodies.

The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority veterinarian will periodically draw a blood sample from that horse for analysis, the testing of which will be done at Iowa State University Diagnostic Laboratory.

An affected horse shall only be permitted to race upon a negative test result.

Questions regarding this issue can be addressed to P.J. Cooksey or Jim Gallagher @ 859-246-2040.